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Chief Justice Seeks Written Comments On Judicial Nominees

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon announced today that he is seeking public comment on judicial nominees for a vacancy at the District Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawai'i, that occurred upon the resignation of the Honorable David L. Fong. The Judicial Selection Commission has submitted the names of six individuals for the vacancy as follows:

Armina Ann Ching Nancy Ryan Harada Ronette M. Kawakami Faye M. Koyanagi Peter T. Stone Michael K. Tanigawa

Anyone who would like to comment about the character and qualifications of any of the nominees before the Chief Justice makes his selection should mail, fax, or deliver their written comments to:

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon Supreme Court of Hawai'i 417 S. King Street Honolulu, HI 96813 Fax: 539-4703

WRITTEN comments must be post-marked, faxed, or delivered **no later than TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2003**. Comments may be delivered to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office at 417 S. King Street (the building directly behind the Kamehameha statue, first floor). ALL COMMENTS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.

The individual selected by the Chief Justice is subject to Senate confirmation.

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